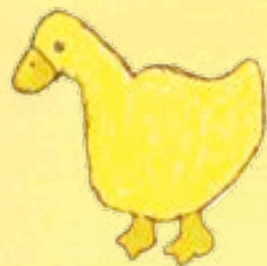


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Sophie's Mama brought a small bundle back from the hospital.  
In it was a brand new pink nosed baby.  
"Her name will be Ashleigh," said Sophie's Mama.





Sophie's Daddy clattered in the front door with the changing table, the bassinette, the stroller and the bathtub.  
"Sophie!" he said. "Say hello to your new sister, Amber."

"We decided on Ashleigh," said Mama.  
"Amber," said Daddy.  
Sophie said hello to her new sister in Jellyfish Language.  
"Use your words, please Sophie," said Mama.





It was time for Ashleigh Amber's lunch.  
Sophie told her sister how to use the big girl cup.  
"Use your words, please, Sophie!" said Sophie's Daddy.



Ashleigh Amber was swaddled up  
for her nap in her bassinette. She smiled sweetly.  
"Nap time for Sophie too!" said Sophie's Mama.





But this was Day One of Sophie being too old for naps.  
“No! No! No!” growled Sophie in Hyena Language.  
“Use your words, please Sophie,” said Sophie’s mama.



Sophie’s daddy tucked Sophie in her big girl bed.  
He put her sparkly iguana on the pillow next to Sophie.  
“Rest time, darling girl,” said Sophie’s daddy.





Sophie sang the Baboon National Anthem  
in her bed as loud as she could possibly sing.



In the next room Ashleigh Amber woke up.



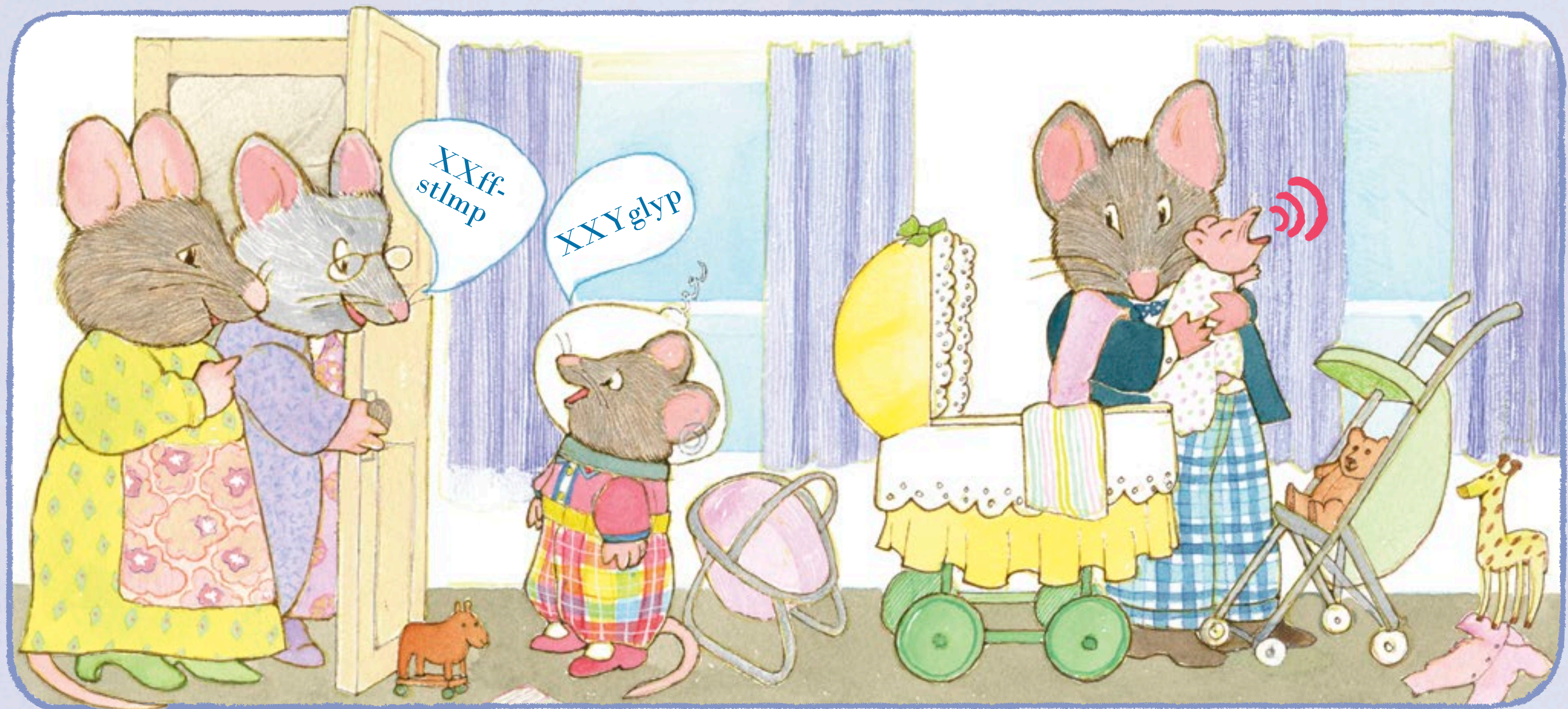


She yelled so loud that  
Sophie had to put on her space helmet.  
Ashleigh Amber would not go back to sleep.



Daddy had to call Granny.  
Granny said she'd come over.

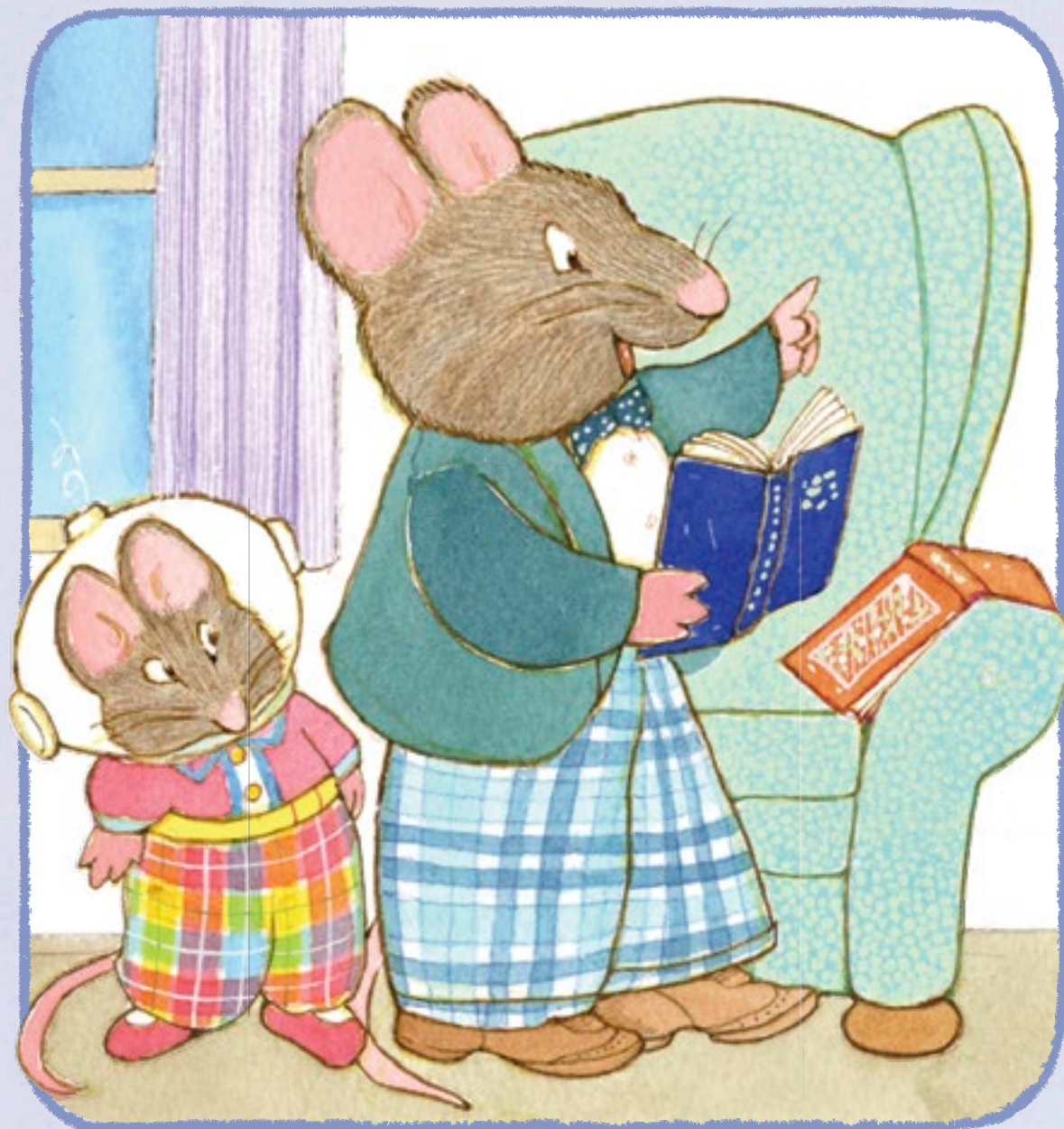




Sophie said hello to Granny in Space Language.  
“Use your words, please darling girl,” said Sophie’s Mama.  
Granny said “Hello Sophie” in Martian.

“Now what’s this baby’s name?” Granny asked.  
“It’s going to be Samantha Marie,” said Sophie’s mama.



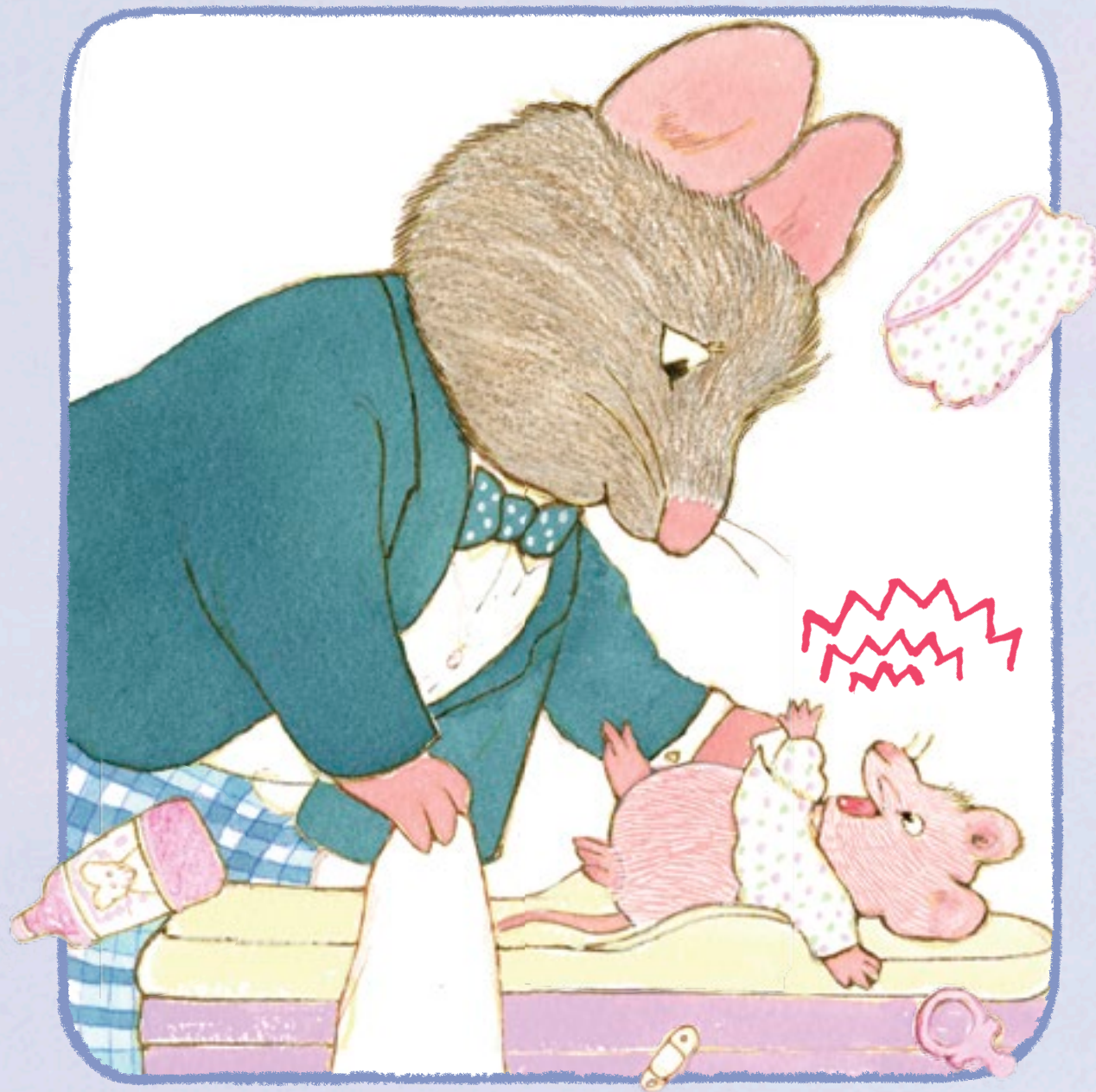


Daddy did not like the name Samantha Marie.  
He consulted his Name Book.  
“Meet Symphonie Pearl!” said Sophie’s daddy.



“First,” said Granny. “Let’s see if we can quiet her down.”  
Mama tried feeding Samantha Marie Symphonie Pearl.  
But she wasn’t hungry.





Daddy changed Samantha Marie Symphonie Pearl.  
But she didn't want to be changed.  
She howled like the Queen of the Howler Monkeys.



Even Granny couldn't find the off switch for the baby siren.  
Then Sophie took off her space helmet and used her words.  
"Give her to me, please!" said Sophie.



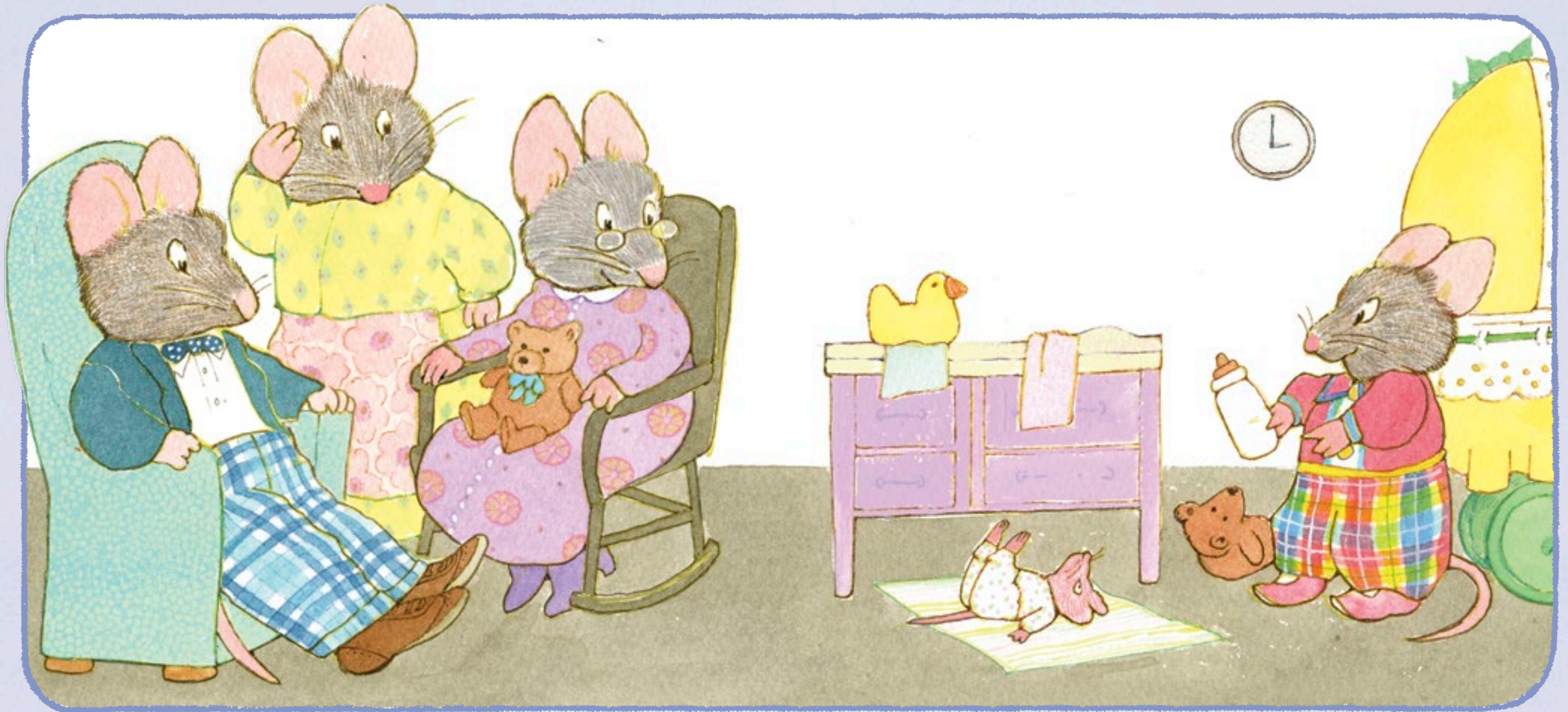


“Oh we can’t do that,” said Sophie’s mama and daddy.  
“Good idea,” said Granny.  
Granny gave Samantha Marie Symphonie Pearl to Sophie.



Sophie used her words again as she sang to the baby.  
No one could hear Sophie’s words except her new baby sister.  
Suddenly the room was quiet.





“What did you say?” asked Mama.  
“What did you sing?” asked Daddy.  
“Easy!” said Sophie.

“She wants to be called Jane.  
So I sang her, *Jane, Jane, Don’t be a Pain!*  
Now she’s happy!”





“Now she’s Jane!” said Granny.

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